

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday, 11 January 2017 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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D Smith	Thirkill Engel Tait	N Pollard

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CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
M Pollard	Nazir Shaheen Shafiq	R Sunderland

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Ali Jan Haider

Bradford District Clinical Commissioning
Group

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West Yorkshire Police

Yasmin Umarji

Bradford Education

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The City Solicitor will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

(Sheila Farnhill – 01274 432268)

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) *Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (3) *Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

(Sheila Farnhill – 01274 432268)



3. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

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If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

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(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

4. EDUCATION OUTCOMES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN 2015/16 AND VIRTUAL SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Deputy Director - Education, Employment and Skills will submit a report (**Document “G”**) which provides an interim summary of the educational attainment of looked after children in the Bradford district. The report relates to those children and young people of school age who had been in care for one year or more on 31 March 2016. The report explains that a further comprehensive report will be presented once the validated national data is published in the Spring term.

The report also provides an update on the work of the Virtual School.

Recommended –

- (1) **That Document “G” be noted.**
- (2) **That a further report be submitted to the Panel once the published data is received from the Department for Education.**

(Ken Poucher – 01274 439623)



5. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE - ANNUAL REPORT

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A report will be presented by the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) (**Document "H"**) in relation to the work of the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Service and the Annual Report which is required to be produced under the IRO Regulations. The Annual Report provides evidence in respect of the effectiveness of the service, examines the quality of the reviews offered to young people and sets targets for the future development of the service.

Recommended –

- (1) That the Corporate Parenting Panel notes:**
 - (i) The work undertaken by the Independent Reviewing Officer Service and its ongoing role in providing robust and challenging reviews of all Care Plans.**
 - (ii) The improvements achieved over the last twelve months in terms of children's participation, the continued improvement in timeliness and the successful introduction of a quality assurance process for the service.**
 - (iii) The contribution made and value added by the Independent Reviewing Officer Service through the reporting of quality assurance findings to the Strategic Leadership Management Group.**
 - (iv) The continuation of good collaborative working arrangements with social work teams and partner agencies in order to achieve the best outcomes for Bradford's Looked After Children.**
 - (v) That the Independent Reviewing Officer Service Annual Report will be produced in December to synchronise with the Corporate Parenting Panel's Work Plan.**

- (2) That the Service's Work Plan for 2016/17, as set out in the Annual Report, be endorsed.**

(Imran Cheema – 01274 437915)



6. INDEPENDENT MONITORING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE OF RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES 45 - 52

A report will be submitted by the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) in relation to the independent monitoring and quality assurance of the district's Residential Children's Homes, in accordance with Regulation 44 of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, and the importance of the role of Elected Members in this process (**Document "I"**).

Recommended –

That each Member of the Corporate Parenting Panel be requested to participate in three unannounced monitoring visits of residential and respite homes per annum.

(Suzanne Lythgow – 07582 100936)

7. REFERRAL FROM CORPORATE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CHILDREN PLACED IN BRADFORD FROM OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT 53 - 56

At the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6 October 2016, consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Director – Children's Services in relation to the arrangements that the Council and its partners have in place to safeguard against Child Sexual Exploitation. The Committee resolved, amongst other things;

'That the Corporate Parenting Panel looks into the number of children being placed in care in Bradford from outside the district and any emerging issues.'

A report of the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care)(**Document "J"**) is now submitted for Member's consideration.

(Jill Hudson – 01274 434511)

8. WORK PLAN 2016/17 57 - 58

The Panel's Work Plan for 2016/17 is submitted for consideration (**Document "K"**).

(Jim Hopkinson - 1274 432904)

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